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THE LAWYER PRESENTS —

Professor Anton-Hermann Chroust of the Notre Dame Law School continues his outstanding series upon the history of the legal profession in this, the last issue of Volume XXXI of the *Lawyer*. In *The Legal Profession During the Middle Ages: The Emergence of the English Lawyer Prior to 1400*, Dr. Chroust describes the early beginnings of the law profession in England.

Government Secrecy and the Right of Confrontation, an article by James E. Mulvaney, member of the New York Bar, presents a discussion of the difficult evidentiary problems involved in the courtroom use of classified government documents. Mr. Mulvaney first presents a recent case, typical of the many that have arisen involving the theft and misuse of secret papers. Then presenting the basis in the law of evidence for the right of confrontation as contrasted with the Government concern for secrecy in certain areas, the author sets forth a proposal which he believes would bring a great amount of certainty into this most uncertain field.

The Requirement of Restoration in the Avoidance of Releases of Tort Claims is our third and last lead article, and it is written by Associate Professor Vincent I. Immel of the Ohio Northern University School of Law. It is not an unusual occurrence that a plaintiff, upon reflection and advice of counsel, will attempt to avoid a release of a tort claim given too hastily. But must there be a restitution of the consideration for the release in all cases? Professor Immel discusses this and related questions, giving a thorough analysis of many cases which have dealt with the problem.